

# REASONS

FOR

## Making the Duties Easie upon the Trade to AFRICA.

| Goods of <i>English</i> Manufacture, proper for the Trade to <i>Africa</i> .                    | The first Cost. | The Kings Duties.       | The Comp. Duty of 10 l. per Ce. |
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|   | <i>l. s. d.</i> | <i>l. s. d.</i>         | <i>l. s. d.</i>                 |
| Serges, called Perpetuanaes, wa. about 7 l. a piece —   | 1 : 0 : 0       | 0 : 0 : 5               | 0 : 2 : 0                       |
| Sayes, wa. 11 l. a piece —  | 2 : 0 : 0       | 0 : 0 : 8               | 0 : 4 : 0                       |
| Welch plains 100 Goats —  | 8 : 10 : 0      | 0 : 2 : 6               | 0 : 17 : 0                      |
| Scarlet Cloath the piece —  | 12 : 0 : 0      | 0 : 3 : 4               | 1 : 4 : 0                       |
| Bayes Colchester —  | 4 : 10 : 0      | 0 : 3 : 0               | 0 : 9 : 0                       |
| Darnex the piece, conta. 40 Yards —   | 2 : 0 : 0       | 0 : 1 : 6               | 0 : 4 : 0                       |
| Anabasses Cotton pieces —   | 0 : 1 : 10      | —                       | 0 : 0 : 2                       |
| Tin, Vocat. Pewer, the Hundred —  | 4 : 10 : 0      | 0 : 2 : 0               | 0 : 9 : 0                       |
| Wrought Lead the hundred —  | 0 : 15 : 0      | 0 : 1 : 0               | 0 : 1 : 6                       |
| Sundry Sorts of Wrought Iron.   |                 |                         |                                 |
| Knives the Groce, wa. 28 l. —   | 1 : 10 : 0      | 0 : 0 : 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 : 3 : 0                       |
| Large Scissars, the Groce, wa. 21 l. —  | 1 : 4 : 0       | 0 : 0 : 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 : 2 : 5                       |
| Muskets, wa. 7 l. a piece —   | 0 : 14 : 0      | 0 : 0 : 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ | 0 : 1 : 5                       |
| Pistols the pair, wa. 7 l. —  | 1 : 0 : 0       | 0 : 0 : 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ | 0 : 2 : 0                       |
| All finer Manufactures of Iron, the Value is much more, but the Custom to the King is the same. |                 |                         |                                 |
| Wroughte Brass the hundred —  | 8 : 10 : 0      | 0 : 0 : 10              | 0 : 17 : 0                      |
| Aqua Vite, the Hogshead —   | 8 : 0 : 0       | 0 : 2 : 0               | 0 : 16 : 0                      |
| Tobacco Pipes, the small Groce, conta. 12 Doz. —  | 1 : 0 : 0       | 0 : 0 : 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 : 2 : 0                       |

**B**Y what is above, it appears, that the Duty of 10 l. per Cent. to be paid the *African Company* upon the Exportations, is upon several Commodities 5 or 6 times, and upon some 10 or 12 times as much as the Duties paid to the King, upon the Exportation of the same Commodities: It is very remarkable, that almost all the Burthen of this great Duty will fall upon the Product or Manufactures of England, (there being so great a Proportion of them used in the *African Trade*) which must of necessity be a great Discouragement to that Trade, and very much lessen the Exportation of such Goods, which will certainly lower the Prizes at Home, and be a great Prejudice to those many Thousands of People in England, whose whole Employment and Subsistence is by such Manufactures; and how reasonable it is to bring all these Inconveniences upon so great a part of the People and Trade of the Nation, only for the sake of the *African Company*, is Humbly submitted — Especially, since 'tis plain by undeniable Demonstration, that less than half those Duties will answer all the Ends they propose; and the private Traders are so well assured of this, that they still adhere to what they formerly Offered, which was to Undertake the Maintenance and Support of the Forts and Castles, for a Duty of 5 l. per Cent. on the Export only.

Note, The Duty designed being for Maintainance of Forts and Castles, it is Humbly hoped, may not extend to Comprehend those places, where no Forts nor Castles are; viz. from River Valtus to Cape Good-Hope, the Duty on said places will fall extremely heavy on the Plantations only.

